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SUBJECT: ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

REF: MEXICO 4867

1. US AD HOC GROUP MET WITH MEXICAN COMMISSION JULY 16-18. AS WAS EXPECTED, MEXICANS CAME WELL PREPARED, AND EACH OF ITS 13 MEMBERS GAVE ORAL PRESENTATION ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PROBLEM AND THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY GOM IN CERTAIN AREAS. IT WAS APPARENT FROM BEGINNING THAT MEXICANS WERE BUILDING CASE FOR SOME TYPE OF RENEWED BRACERO PROGRAM.

2. MEMBERS OF US GROUP ALSO SPOKE ON AGENCY-BY-AGENCY BASIS, USING AS THEIR BASIC POSITIONS THE CONTENTS OF THE JANUARY 15, 1973 REPORT OF THE FORMER US SPECIAL STUDY GROUP. COPIES OF THAT REPORT WERE GIVEN TO THE MEXICANS WITH THE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN DO NOT NECESSARILY RE-

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PRESENT THE APPROVED POLICY OF THE USG. IT WAS, OF COURSE,

NECESSARY TO DISABUSE MEXICANS OF IDEA THAT A BRACERO-TYPE PROGRAM IS POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME.

3. BARONA LOBATO, FOLLOWING TELEPHONE CALL TO MEXICO, GAVE US GROUP ONE COPY OF MEXICAN COMMISSION'S REPORT ON THIS PROBLEM WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS FOR THE INTERNAL

USE OF THE USG ONLY. A COPY OF THIS REPORT WILL BE POUCHED TO EMBASSY.

4. AT INSISTENCE OF MEXICANS, US GROUP AGREED TO A JOINT STATEMENT AT END OF MEETING WHICH WILL BE FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY AND NOT REPEAT NOT RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC. COPY WILL BE POUCHED TO EMBASSY. IN SUMMARY THIS STATEMENT CONTAINS MENTION OF:

- A. FRUITFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.
- B. POINTS OF MEXICAN PRESENTATION
- C. INS AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR MEXICAN CONSULAR OFFICIALS AT INS DETENTION CAMPS (OUR INITIATIVE).
- D. INS WILLINGNESS TO ASSIGN EMPLOYEE TO ASSIST DETAINEES WITH PERSONAL PROBLEMS. (OUR INITIATIVE)
- E. CONTINUED AND EXPANDED EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.
- F. RECOMMENDATION THAT ARTICLE I OF VISA AGREEMENT OF 1953 BE ABROGATED (MEXICAN INITIATIVE).
- G. USEFULNESS OF FURTHER MEETING TO CONTINUE EXAMINATION OF THE PROBLEM AND TO PROPOSE APPROPRIATE FORMULAS FOR ITS RESOLUTION.

5. THUS, WHILE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO AGREE WITH THE MAIN THRUST OF THE MEXICAN POSITION, I.E., A BRACERO-TYPE PROGRAM, THE MEXICANS DID NOT GO HOME ENTIRELY EMPTY-HANDED. MEETINGS WERE CONDUCTED WITH CANDOR ON BOTH SIDES AND IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

6. IT WAS AGREED THAT NEITHER SIDE WOULD ISSUE A FORMAL PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING THIS MEETING. HOWEVER, WE CO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ORDINATED WITH THE MEXICANS THE GENERAL APPROACH WE WOULD TAKE WITH THE PRESS ON AN "IF-ASKED" BASIS. IN RESPONSE TO APPROPRIATE QUESTIONS, THE US AGENCIES WOULD STATE:

- A. THE MEETING WAS PART OF CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.
- B. THE TWO SIDES EXCHANGED REPORTS WHICH HAD BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE TWO STUDY GROUPS TO THEIR

RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. THE US REPORT IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC BUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS IT CONTAINS HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT. THE MEXICAN REPORT IS FOR GOVERNMENTAL USE ONLY.

C. THERE WERE NO AGREEMENTS SIGNED AND NO COMMUNIQUE ISSUED. THE MEETING SERVED PRIMARILY TO FOCUS ON TREATMENT OF ILLEGAL ALIENS AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THIS PROBLEM.

D. THE PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM IS LONG RANGE, BUT WE ARE PLEASED AT THE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDES ON BOTH SIDES AND THAT THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WILL BE VERY USEFUL IN CONSIDERING MEASURES RELATED TO THE PROBLEM. THE QUESTION OF A RENEWED BRACERO PROGRAM WAS RAISED, BUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EARLIER US SPECIAL STUDY GROUP REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT, IT WAS NOT RECOMMENDED AS A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM BY THE US WORKING GROUP AT THIS MEETING. RUSH

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